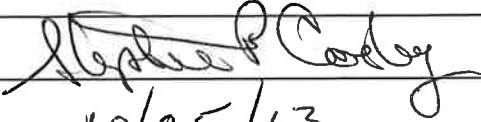


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

<b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>	
Name of public employee:	Stephen P. Crosby
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
<b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Beginning early this month (October 2013) I began to evaluate the Phase 1 Applications (background check/suitability determination) of the 3 applicants for the Region A (Eastern Mass) Category 1 (destination resort casino) gaming license prospectively located in East Boston, Everett or Milford. For those proposals which are found suitable, I will begin evaluating the Phase 2 (site specific) applications in early January, and, with the other Commissioners, voting to select a winner of the Region A casino license.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I serve as Chair of 5 member Commission making licensing decisions. Also Chair of the evaluation work group which will review and rate each of the applications for the "General/Overview" category in the application.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I've known Paul Lohnes since serving in the National Guard in the mid-1970s. He invested in one of my companies, called at the time of the investment, Jubilee Publications, about 30 years ago; that business relationship ended 23 years ago, when the company, then called Crosby Vandenburg Group, was sold. Since then (1990), I have socialized with him (and sometimes his family) 5-10 times. I've had no contact with him since my August 23rd, 2013 disclosure except to inadvertently see him in our office lobby when he was waiting to see someone else at the Gaming Commission.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	As I understand it, Mr. Lohnes is part owner of the so called "former Monsanto chemical site" in Everett that would be purchased by Wynn Resorts if Wynn Resorts were awarded the Category 1 license in Eastern Massachusetts. As I understand it, the purchase price could be many millions of dollars. The property apparently has significantly greater value with a gaming license than with other plausible uses.
<b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	I have not seen Lohnes or spoken with him since May 2012, except for accidentally seeing him in our lobby when he was here to see someone else at the Gaming Commission. Although I consider him a friend, we get together very infrequently. I have never discussed casino issues with him. He has elected to have no contact with me since I became aware of his ownership (Fall 2012, I believe), a decision with which I concurred. I will have no problem considering a gaming proposal that involves him totally on the merits alone.

<p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p>	<p><b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>10/25/13</p>

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.